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Subject: Private HOT Lanes in Northern VA

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Sincerely,
Giles Morris

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Dear Mr. Morris:

Governor Warner has asked me to thank you for and respond to your e-mail regarding High Occupancy / Toll (HOT) lanes.

At present, there are insufficient resources to meet the growing demand on Virginia's transportation network. The HOT-lane concept is one of various alternatives that have been proposed to supplement state resources derived from conventional sources, so that critical transportation infrastructure improvements can be advanced.

As you may know, the Governor's budget and tax reform proposal invests an additional \$392 million in our transportation network over the next two years. I encourage you to contact your representatives in the General Assembly to share your views.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has received an unsolicited private proposal to improve the Capital Beltway that would incorporate the HOT-lane concept. I have forwarded your email to the Advisory Panel that will review this proposal.

I hope this information is helpful and I want to assure you of our commitment to provide Virginians with balanced, affordable transportation solutions. Again, thank you for writing Governor Warner.

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